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On April 16, 2009 Applicants' undersigned representative spoke telephonically with Examiners Keith Robinson, Ann Marie Grunberg, and David Kruse, regarding asserted obviousness rejections in view of Reichert (U.S. 6,140,555) and Saxena (U.S. 5,477,000) in the Final Official Action dated February 2, 2009. Differences in the art between organogenic and embryogenic approaches for plant cell culture were discussed. Applicants' representative also noted that Reichert describes regeneration of nodal (differentiated) tissues by organogenesis, rather than via an embryogenic approach, as is presently claimed.

No agreement on allowable claims was reached. However, Examiner Robinson stated that prosecution would be re-opened for additional analysis of art relating to culturing of plant cells including nodal tissues, and a new Action would be issued. Applicants would like to thank the Examiners for the time taken for the call.

Respectfully submitted,

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